



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR CONTROLLING DIGITAL
DATA"

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The assignee of the above-identified application, through its attorney, respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 10, 2002, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from the first deadline October 10, 2002 to the date of November 10, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231 ON <u>Nov. 7, 2002</u></p> <p align="right">HOLLAND & HART LLP</p> <p>BY: <u>[Signature]</u></p>

Respectfully submitted,

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